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Mr. Charles Slade 917 Main Street Room 320 Vancouver BC Canada V6A 1N1

Dear Mr. Slade:

This is in response to your letter requesting information on the monitoring of the health of Marshallese exposed to fallout from U.S. atmospheric nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific from 1946 to 1958.

Enclosure 1 is one of the most comprehensive reports that addresses the health status of the Rongelap and Utrik populations exposed to fallout from the Bravo test in 1954. The report was issued 26 years after the accidental exposure of these Marshallese populations.

Enclosure 2 is the most recent update on the medical status of these two Marshallese populations, which was published in July 1995.

I hope that these enclosures will provide the information you have requested.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Bell Program Manager Marshall Islands Program Office of International Health Programs

2 Enclosures